

### **REMARKS**

1. An Office Action requiring Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits was mailed August 15, 2006. In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants submit this Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.

#### ***Restriction Requirement***

2. The Examiner has required the election of a single invention for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner alleged that the originally filed claims are directed to the following two (2) patentably distinct inventions:

- I.* Claims 1 through 56, drawn to an implantable device, classified in class 607, subclass 57.
- II.* Claims 57 through 81, drawn to a housing for an implantable device, classified in class 607, subclass 51.

#### ***Provisional Election***

10. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.143 and MPEP 818.03(b), Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-56.

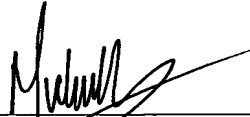
11. Applicants do not intend to dedicate non-elected claims to the public and reserve the right to file divisional applications for the subject matter covered by the non-elected claims.

12. The inventorship for the invention of the elected claims is the same as the inventorship of record in this application.

***Conclusion***

13. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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